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# THE BLOWN FUSE



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## EBARC Meetings



November 11, 2011, 7:30 p.m.

A Visit from the ARRL  
(person to be announced)



The East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets this month at the  
El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

The Executive Board meets the Monday before each general meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
at the W6CUS club station, 3200 Macdonald Ave. Richmond.

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## **November 11<sup>th</sup> EBARC Meeting Jack Burris, K6JEB, Program Chair**

**We'll meet in the community meeting room at the El Sobrante Library, 4191 Appian Way. Enter through the back door.**

November's program will be a visit from an ARRL officer. The specific person is unknown at press time. Come with questions!

This meeting is on Veteran's Day. We thank all our military members for their service!

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### **QRM de KO6NO Ken Fowler, President**

I hope you are all enjoying the great propagation conditions on HF this month. Ten Meters has been open almost every day for a month. Very strong DX signals are coming in from early morning till late evening. If you haven't been up there yet, give it a try. We've been waiting a long time for the solar activity to reach these levels.

EBARC is reaching the end of another club year. We have one more thing to do in

November. We must elect the officers of the club for the next year to serve as members of the EBARC Executive Committee. Nominations for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be accepted at the November meeting. Ballots will be mailed to members to be returned by December 4. Several of the current officers are willing to run again, but no one has stepped up to run for Secretary. A nominating committee is searching for a candidate but you, the members, can still nominate your choice. Make sure the nominee agrees.

It has been a pleasure to serve as EBARC President this year. I have enjoyed the help and support of the Executive Committee members. If you have enjoyed the club program and meetings, please consider becoming a member of the committee, just for one year.

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### **General Meeting Minutes October 14, 2011 Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary**

East Bay Amateur Radio Club General Membership Meeting, El Sobrante Public Library Meeting Room Friday, October 14, 2011. Minutes were compiled from notes taken by Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU.

The meeting was called to order at 19:40 hours by President Ken Fowler. There was a sign-in sheet available. Ten members or guests signed in. A round of introductions was the first order of business.

The minutes of the September 09 meeting were approved as published in *The Blown Fuse*.

First Vice President was absent. No program was scheduled due to Pacificon tomorrow.

Second Vice President Sparks brought the refreshments.

Treasurer Wood presented his finance report for September. The month ended with \$3,774.90 in the general fund and \$4,607.76 in the station fund. There were \$289.29 income and \$225.00 expenses reported.

Third Vice President Primbsch was absent.

Two new members were reported.

Secretary Jenkins was absent.

Station Manager Stanton Gleason reported that the mastic and the flashing for the roof were at the club station.

**Education:** Ken commented on the Technician class running at WCCAE with 4 students, and on having to massage the presentations to cover the material.

President Fowler reported that there were nominated candidates for all offices except Secretary for 2012.

Ken asked for assistance with providing a station at Camp Herms for the October 15<sup>th</sup> BSA Jamboree on the Air activity. The call W6H is reserved. An HF station will be set up for scouts to make contacts with other scouts. Ken will also offer a radio merit badge class. There will be a communications trailer from Antioch.

It was announced that the annual ARRL membership renewal is now at \$40.00 per year.

Ken reported that 10M was wide open, with signals from Europe coming in, in the morning; and overall very good signals into the evening.

Next meeting: November 11, 2011. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:56.

## Treasurer's Report September 2011 John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer

### SEPTEMBER GENERAL FUND<sup>1</sup>

8/31/11 Beginning Balance .....	\$3,680.30
Regular Membership; KY6R, KD6UL .50.00	
Coffee Kitty.....	14.00
Berkeley Parks & Rec. Refund.....	225.00
Interest (Aug) .....	0.31
Interest (Sep) .....	<u>0.29</u>

(Income Subtotal: \$289.60)

Berkeley Parks & Rec. voided.....	<u>-\$225.00</u>
	(Expense Subtotal: \$225.00)

9/30/11 Ending Balance .....	\$3,744.90
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<sup>1</sup>\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships.

### SEPTEMBER STATION FUND<sup>2</sup>

8/31/11 Beginning Balance .....	\$4,607.76
9/30/11 Ending Balance .....	\$4,607.76

<sup>2</sup>\$1,669 earmarked for W6CUS Roofing Fund.

Total September Income .....\$289.60  
Total September Disbursements....\$225.00

Note: The August general fund interest of 31 cents should have been reported last month, but it's reported here instead.

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## **Announcing the First Annual EBARC Sweepstakes Award Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President**

Here is your chance to participate in some friendly competition within EBARC, and test your ability and skills as a contest operator. The ARRL Sweepstakes weekend events take place in November with the CW contest on Nov. 5 - 7 and the phone contest on Nov. 19 - 21. This year, EBARC will offer awards to club members for the categories defined by the ARRL. See ARRL November Sweepstakes for the rules.

Here's what you have to do. 1.) Enter the ARRL Sweepstakes by operating in a category and submit a log to ARRL. 2.) Submit a copy of your entry and log to the EBARC Executive Committee before Dec. 5.

This year, for the first time in years, the bands will have plenty to offer everyone, including Technician license-holders! Sweepstakes, or "Sweeps" among friends, is a contest in which modest stations can do very, very well. There's no need for giant towers and antennas or legal-limit amplifiers. A back yard dipole or vertical and a "barefoot" HF rig will do just fine. In fact, SS is one contest in which antennas can be too high!

Awards to be offered by EBARC will be determined by the EBARC Executive Committee on Nov. 11. Awards will be presented at the December EBARC meeting.

## EBARC 2012 Officers' Election

The nominating committee members are Jack Burris, Peter Hoffman, and Don Hamma. The committee's slate so far is:

- President: Ken Fowler, KO6NO
- 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Jack Burris, K6JEB
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH
- 3<sup>rd</sup> VP: Sharon Primsch, AA6XZ
- Secretary: Michael McMillan, K6MCM
- Treasurer: Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF

At the November general meeting, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Mail-in ballots will then be prepared with all nominees listed. There will also be space for write-in candidates.

A week after the November general meeting, we'll mail ballots to EBARC voting members. Returned ballots must be in the EBARC post office box by the Sunday before the December general meeting (Dec 4<sup>th</sup>). There will be a 3-person committee to count the ballots in December. If you'd like to be on the ballot-counting committee, contact President Ken Fowler, KO6NO. In the same mailing of your

ballot(s), we will include a renewal slip for 2012 membership. Just return the renewal slip and your check with your ballot(s). If you know that you are already a 2012 member, please write "already renewed" and your name on the renewal slip.

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## 4Cs / EBARC 2011 Holiday Party

December 10, 2011  
11:30 a.m.

Recreation Room  
Tara Hills Mobile Manor  
16401 San Pablo Ave.  
San Pablo, CA 94806

This is a catered buffet at a new location. It costs \$20 per person. Guests are welcome. Details, directions, and the flyer are attached to this newsletter. You must pay and RSVP by December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We hope to see you there!

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## Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Public Service."
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio Test Sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16<sup>th</sup> St.), Oakland. The tests for 2012 will be in January, April, July, and October, usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. The fee for 2012 has not yet been set. Info at 510-918-4627 or 510-741-8227.
- CoCoCo RACES Training: Details from [mcmillan50y@yahoo.com](mailto:mcmillan50y@yahoo.com) or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz.

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Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for preafrooding this month's *Blown Fuse*.

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$25 for individual membership, \$30 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page [www.eastbayarc.org](http://www.eastbayarc.org), or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. The East Bay Amateur Radio Club maintains a club station, W6CUS, at 3200 Macdonald Ave., Richmond.

## 2011 East Bay Amateur Radio Club Executive Committee

Ken Fowler, KO6NO, President .....	222-0830
Jack Burris, K6JEB, 1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Program Chair / Field Day Chair .....	415-305-2547
Jay Sparks KJ6HSH, 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP - Hospitality Chair .....	384-4233
Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ, 3 <sup>rd</sup> VP - Membership / <i>Blown Fuse</i> Editor.....	741-8227
John Wood, N6JDW, Treasurer - Finance Committee Chair.....	967-8685
Randy Jenkins, KA6BQF, Secretary / Education Chair .....	526-4089
Stanton Gleason, KD6SWU, Member-at-Large - Club Station Manager .	385-4044
Russell Wikander Jr., KI6CEZ, Member-at-Large .....	847-3583

## 2011 EBARC's Other Committee Heads and Contacts

Jack Burris, K6JEB, W6CUS Trustee.....	415-305-2547
Peter Hoffman, W6DEI, Webmaster, Publicity Chair.....	525-0694
Joe Lee, W6DOB, Silent Key Chair.....	724-0533
Awards Chair.....	
Social & Digital Committees Chair.....	
Legislative Affairs .....	
RFI Committee Chair.....	
Historian .....	

## AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
West Contra Costa County ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
EBARC "Explore Net" (HF)	Mon	1930 (USB)	28.425
KARO/ECHO ARES/RACES Net	Thurs	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO RACES/ARES Net	Thurs	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thurs	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Tech Net	Thurs	2000 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Northern Calif. Net VHF Session	Daily	1930 (PL 107.2-)	145.410
"QRM Net"	Tues	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
9 a.m. Talk Net	Mo-Fr	0900 (PL 100.0-)	145.230
Youth Net	Sat	1400 (PL 100.0-)	145.230

RACES, West CoCoCo: Mike McMillan, K6MCM, mcmillan50y@yahoo.com, phone 510 223-3052.  
Frequencies: #1=145.110-, #2=147.570s.